United States District Court Southern District of Texas

ENTERED

March 15, 2017 David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

SAMUEL GIPSON,	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:16-CV-00464
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ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS	§	
L.P., <i>et al</i> ,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

ORDER

On this date, Plaintiff filed an amended complaint (D.E. 25), which does not reference his earlier complaint. "An amended complaint supersedes the original complaint and renders it of no legal effect unless the amended complaint specifically refers to and adopts or incorporates by reference the earlier pleading." *King v. Dogan*, 31 F.3d 344, 346 (5th Cir. 1994) (citing *Boelens v. Redman Homes, Inc.*, 759 F.2d 504, 508 (5th Cir.1985)). A Rule 12(b)(6) motion addressed to a superseded complaint is moot. *See generally, Van Deelen v. Cain*, 628 F. App'x 891, 900 (5th Cir. 2015) (noting that prior motions to dismiss had been mooted by prior amended complaints). *See also, Maxim Integrated Prod., Inc. v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, No. SA-14-CV-1030-XR, 2015 WL 10990119, at *1 (W.D. Tex. Feb. 12, 2015) (citing *Merritt v. Fogel*, 349 F. App'x 742, 745 (3d Cir. 2009)). Consequently, the Court terminates as moot Defendant's Motion to Dismiss (D.E. 20).

ORDERED this 14th day of March, 2017.

NELVA GONZALES RAMOS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE